

CLAIMS

- 1 1. A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name, said method
2 comprising the steps of:
 - 3 identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;
 - 4 ascertaining the name of said superior resource;
 - 5 truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;
 - 6 obtaining a first counter number from a global counter;
 - 7 appending said first counter number to said truncated name to form a first
8 appended name; and
 - 9 assigning said first appended name to said first subordinate resource.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of truncating comprises a step of
2 dropping the last n characters of said superior resource name, where $n \geq 3$.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:
 - 2 incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number;
 - 3 appending said second counter number to said truncated name to form a
4 second appended name; and
 - 5 assigning said second appended name to a second subordinate resource.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3 wherein said counter numbers are at least three digits in
2 length.
- 1 5. A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name, said method
2 comprising the steps of:
 - 3 identifying a first subordinate resource and a related superior resource;
 - 4 ascertaining the name of said superior resource;
 - 5 obtaining a first counter number of n digits from a global counter;
 - 6 substituting said counter number for n characters in said superior resource
7 name to form a first name; and

8 assigning said first name to said first subordinate resource.

1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein $n \geq 3$.

1 7. The method of claim 5 further including the steps of:

2 incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number; and
3 substituting said second counter number in said superior resource name to
4 form a second name; and
5 assigning said second name to a second subordinate resource.